

VERMONT TOBACCO EVALUATION AND REVIEW BOARD

School and Community Programs Committee

February 9, 2016, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

American Lung Association Conference Room

MINUTES

In attendance: Amy Brewer, Rebecca Ryan, Rhonda Williams, Joslyn Cassady, Amy Tucker

By phone: Ann Gilbert, Cathy Hazlett,

Public Comment: none

Agency updates

Kate shared information on complaining about marketing non-regulated products for therapeutic purposes or fraudulent services:

- Vermont Attorney General's [Consumer Assistance Program \(CAP\)](#)
- Federal Food & Drug Administration's [Center for Drug Evaluation And Research \(CDER\)](#)

Youth Enforcement updates and discussion

Amy provided update. Two investigators are willing to test sites for youth compliance checks. This process has begun, but to date no compliance checks have yet taken place. There are some protocol changes and new minor training necessary to conduct e-cigarette compliance checks. These compliance checks should be underway by May.

The committee would like to follow up on whether a tobacco-only license is necessary for paraphernalia sales. We would like to track where these shops are located and the number of new shops each year.

What are the licensing needs for para only

Para with tobacco products

Are there or will there be exemptions for vape shops in H.171?

YRBS presentation in-depth look at results

The committee looked at the 2015 YRBS high school and middle school results in depth to understand current prevalence, trends, highlights to celebrate and concerns to address.

Rhonda would like the evaluation committee to look at county youth enforcement data along with regional YRBS data to see what trends emerge and as it relates to the demographic targeted by Down and Dirty.

Is there something VDH could be asking about in a macro poll? This is something this committee might consider. VDH usually can afford four questions.

Statewide tobacco control work plan

Amy would like to discuss the work plan in the context of any recommendations that could be made around school and community strategies to address the goals and objectives in the work plan. This however will be done at another date. The committee spent its time looking over the work plan and making further recommendations for improvement. Some recommendations include:

- The committee discussed the objective around social sources. The work plan might identify the strategies that related to social sources, which are raising the minimum age and increasing tobacco taxes. We want to find a way to address more vulnerable youth.
- Should we have an objective around point of sale time, place and manner?
- Vermont has exemption for unopened bulk tobacco items. Maybe this could be an objective. This might be an FDA violation if not a state violation.
- Perceived harm should be more specifically referenced in the objectives.
- More explicitly worded language around supporting restriction of ecigarettes
- Include use of all tobacco products as a specific measurable objective iunder goal one.
- We could include an activity around our state contract with FDA.

Committee name and structure

Next Steps

This committee will continue to use the work plan to help develop the school and community-based plans to move the state toward goals.

Next meeting: